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1. SUMMARY: JORDANIAN PRESS NOV 8 GIVES ELABORATE PHOTO AND TEXTUAL COVERAGE TO SECRETARY'S VISIT. THEME, HOWEVER, IS GOJ CONFIRMATION TO SECRETARY OF PLO ROLE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS. SPARSE EDITORIALS DEPLORE U.S. MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL. END SUMMARY.

2. ALL JORDANIAN DAILIES NOV 8 GIVE FRONT-PAGE PHOTO AND TEXTUAL COVERAGE TO SECRETARY'S VISIT TO AMMAN AND SUBSEQUENT TRIPS TO DAMASCUS AND ISRAEL. ARTICLES STRESS FACT THAT GOJ CONFIRMED TO SECRETARY ITS SUPPORT FOR PLO REPRESENTATION OF PALESTINIANS. AD-DUSTOUR HEADLINE: "JORDAN ASSURES KISSINGER THAT IT SUPPORTS PLO AND IS BOUND BY SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS" SEMI OFFICIAL AR-RAYY: "JORDANIAN-AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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WORKING MEETING TO REVIEW POSITION: PM RIFAI: WE CONFIRMED

TO KISSINGER OUR AGREEMENT WITH RABAT SUMMIT DECISIONS". AL-URDON HEADLINES VIRTUALLY INDENTICAL TO AR-RAYY. JORDAN NEWS AGENCY DISPATCHES STATE THAT AMERICAN AND JORDANIAN DELS CONDUCTED "GENERAL REVIEW OF ME SITUATION" AND QUOTE RIFAI AS CONFIRMING RABAT DECISION. "JORDAN IS BOUND BY THESE RESOLUTIONS AND IS COMMITTED TO WORK TO SUPPORT THE PLO TO ENABLE IT TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FIELDS". AR-RAYY QUOTES: "FOREIGN NEWS AGENCY" REPORTS: "THIS VISIT DID NOT HELP TO EXTRICATE THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT FROM ITS CURRENT DEADLOCK, MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE RABAT RESOLUTIONS AND ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PLO. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT DUE TO THE RESULTS OF THAT CONFERENCE, KING HUSSEIN HAS SAID THAT JORDAN HAS NO MORE ROLE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. DR. KISSINGER REPEATEDLY SAID THAT THE RABAT DECISIONS COMPLICATED THE SITUATION. IT APPEARS THAT DR. KISSINGER FAILED IN HIS ATTEMPTS BOTH WITH KING HUSSEIN AND WITH THE JORDANIAN TEAM TO ALTER THE KING'S POSITION. THE MONARCH REFUSES TO INVOLVE HIMSELF IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL RE THE WEST BANK..."

3. FRONT PAGE COVERAGE ALSO GIVEN TO SECRETARY'S VISITS TO DAMASCUS AND JERUSALEM. "NEWS AGENCIES REPORT THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE STILL DISTURBED BY PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT LAST WEEK THAT ISRAEL MUST NEGOTIATE WITH JORDAN OR WITH THE PLO...DR. KISSINGER, WHO ADDRESSED THE ISRAELI PM AS "MY DEAR ALLON, STRESSED THAT THERE IS NO CHANGE WHATSOEVER IN THE US POSITION" (AD-DUSTOUR)

4. AR-RAYY QUOTES: "OCCUPIED JERUSALEM NEWS" THAT HIKMAT AL-MASRI LEFT NABLUS SEVERAL DAYS AGO FOR CAIRO TO MEET SADAT AND 'ARAFAT, NOTING THAT MASRI MAY BE THE ONLY NOMINEE FOR THE PREMIERSHIP OF A PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE. REPORT SAYS PLO TACTIC IS TO FORM GOVERNMENT CONTAINING NO PLO MEMBER TO COUNTER ISRAELI OBJECTIONS TO DEALING WITH "MURDERERS". "THE ISRAELIS CONSIDER MASRI TO BE QUITE MODERATE AND APOLITICAL OTHER THAN HIS RECENT SIGNING OF THE PETITION SENT BY WEST BANKERS TO RABAT SUMMIT".

5. PAGE-ONE EDITORIAL IN AD-DUSTOUR STATES THAT SECRETARY'S EFFORTS FOR PEACE HAVE BEGIN TO COLLIDE WITH PLO REALITY, NOTING THAT ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE MEANS THAT US MUST CONCENTRATE ON UNCLASSIFIED

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ISRAEL ALONE. "WHOEVER HEARS DR. KISSINGER AFFIRM THAT THE US WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IS STRUCK WITH AMAZEMENT WHEN HE HEARS ALSO ABOUT THE RECENT INFLUX OF U.S. ARMS TO ISRAEL. WHOM SHALL WE BELIEVE. KISSINGER OR THE REPORTS?..THE ARABS HAVE LEARNED FROM THE PAST: THE CRIES FOR WAR ARE ALWAYS MORE TRUE THAN THE HOPES FOR PEACE. IT IS BETTER FOR THE ARABS TO ACT ACCORDINGLY TO THIS PRINCIPLE". AR-RAYY EDITORIAL. "KISSINGER IN ISRAEL", CALLS ON

SECRETARY TO BE VIGILENT AGAINST ISRAELI ATTEMPTS TO
SPREAD RUMORS DESIGNED TO HARM ARAB-AMERICAN RELATIONS.
"WILL DR. KISSINGER BE ALERT TO THESE SCHEMES AND HENCE
ABLE TO HELP THE U.S. CONTINUE THE BENEFICIAL STEPS IT HAS
ALREADY TAKEN ON THE ROAD TO PEACE". PICKERING

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